

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 23, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, Troy, Kansas, at 8:30 A.M. with Second District County Commissioner Wayne Grable, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Bobby Hall and County Clerk Peggy Franken present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

Second Road District Foreman Sean Price observed the entire meeting. Custodian Laura Winkel, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson and Kenneth Christopher were present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Grable made a motion to approve meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve County Commission minutes of January 17, 2023 regular meeting as written. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Jerry K. Dubach Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center currently houses 7 local inmates.

Custodian Laura Winkel told the County Commission she is seeking bids to repair north courthouse steps. Commissioner Grable suggested looking into replacing handrails on the steps around the courthouse square at the same time as repairs are made to the concrete steps.

The Board of County Commissioners were informed of price difference on motor grader batteries between Mayday Trucking Service at a cost of \$390.00 each and Franken Auto Parts \$225.50 each. Commissioner Collins stated the Road Districts need to check prices with county vendors before purchasing to secure the best price.

Commissioner Hall presented the County Commission with a cost estimate to replace entrance gates at the Doniphan County Transfer Station and Third District Road shop from J&R Fencing in the amount of \$1,700.00. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve replacing gates at Doniphan County Transfer Station and Third District Road shop by J&R Fencing in the amount of \$1,700.00, with payment to be made from Solid Waste fund. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris presented the County Commission with listing of current equipment owned by Doniphan County Road Department. Discussion followed with Second Road District Foreman Sean Price on selling unused road equipment. Commissioner Collins made a motion to advertise for sealed bid, with the County retaining the right to refuse any and all bids, the following equipment no longer used by

the Doniphan County Road Department. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Second Road District:	1978 Caterpillar bulldozer (#40) John Deere 310D backhoe (#61) 2007 Wolfpac double drum roller (#188) Ferguson SP-12 roller (#15)
Third Road District:	1997 Ford F250 4x4 (#1) 2001 Ford F250 4x4 (#107)
Solid Waste:	John Deere 755B track loader (#75)

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris also informed the County Commission she contacted Midway Ford about the purchase of a new rock truck. A representative with Midway Ford indicated they are not currently taking orders for new trucks. However, they may have in stock used trucks comparable to 2018 Western Star rock trucks currently owned by Doniphan County. The Board of County Commissioners asked Manager Norris to obtain additional information from Midway Ford on used trucks in stock for their consideration.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to purchase twelve 50-piece boxes of bridge plank nails at a cost of \$160.00 per box from Midwest Sales and Service. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lindsay Norris, Road Office Manager, contacted Vance Brothers on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners to secure a price per mile for 2023 chip seal projects. Representatives with Vance Brothers said the average cost per mile for 2023 would be \$31,000.00. The 2022 average cost per mile was estimated at \$30,000.00, however due to road widths and current surfaces the final cost averaged out to \$24,000.00 per mile.

Norris also contacted Herzog Contracting Corporation to obtain a cost estimate for asphalt overlay on county roadways. Due to varying road widths and surfaces, Herzog was unable to give a price quote, recommending Doniphan County prepare a list of roads and Herzog representatives will view and inspect each then provide a cost estimate.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris publically reminded County Residents with medical issues that require them to be out during inclement weather to please contact the Doniphan County Road Department at 785-985-3535 to be placed on an emergency snow removal route list.

A list of current tire inventory, along with a list of tires needed, by the Road Department was presented to the County Commission for their review. No action was taken pending a list from Third Road District. Commissioner Grable reminded the County Commission and Road Department Foremen, that although they are allowed to replace tires as they are used from inventory, they will need full board approval to purchase if the amount exceeds their spending authority.

Kenneth Christopher met with the County Commission to ask Commissioner Grable plans for repairing Ottumwa Road between 130th and 140th Roads. Commissioner Grable said the Road Department planned to build up, ditch and rock Ottumwa Road in 2022, however road work on 150th Road took longer than expected. Ottumwa Road is on the project list to be ditched, raised and rocked this year. In addition, Second Road District Foreman Sean Price was asked to address road conditions on 130th Road to Monument Road.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson informed the County Commission of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's announcement of Kansas Capital Project Funds award to the Iowa Tribe in the amount of \$1,424,945 for fiber broadband expansion to tribal housing, the City of White Cloud and Taylor Seed Farm. Johnson said expansion of fiber broadband into the City of White Cloud is most beneficial, as they were the only incorporated city within Doniphan County to not have fiber broadband coverage. The Kansas Department of Commerce told Director Johnson no action has been taken on Doniphan County's application for Kansas Capital Project Funds to expand fiber broadband into rural areas of Doniphan County, with additional information to be forthcoming.

Commissioner Collins asked Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson about grant information pertaining to hard surfacing of county roads. Director Johnson she is unfamiliar with Kansas Department of Transportation grant funding.

Commissioner Hall asked Economic Development Director Johnson the status of Dollar General locating in Wathena, Kansas. Director Johnson said inquiries should be directed to Attorney Joel Euler.

Commissioner Grable told the County Commission he was approached by John Michael Simpson of John's Market asking if the County Commissioners would consider reducing the county's portion of sales tax on food sales. Discussion followed with the County Commission in agreeance to continue with the County's sales tax on food sales due to funding of countywide ambulance service.

County Attorney Charles D. Baskins held discussion with the County Commission regarding zoning requirements and wastewater system permits required by Northeast Kansas Environmental Services.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 A.M. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DATED THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Wayne Grable, Chairman